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Volunteers Wanted Vacancies for Boards and Commissions

Applications are being accepted for the following Story County Boards and Commissions:

- Board of Adjustment - 5 year term
- Board of Health - 3 year term
- Condemnation Commission for the following - Bankers, Auctioneers, and Appraisers, Owners of City Property, Licensed Real Estate Sales Person, and Owners or Operators of Agricultural Property - 1 year term
- Conservation Board - 5 year term
- Planning and Zoning Commission - 5 year term

If you would like more information regarding responsibilities of Story County boards and commissions, please check the Boards & Commission page on Story County's website at www.storycountyiowa.gov.

If you are interested in applying, applications are available in the Board of Supervisors office located on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building as well as online on the County's website. Applications are due by Wednesday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m., sent to the address below.



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What can you expect when you call 911 from a wireless phone?

A Message from Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald

Wireless phones are a great convenience, but there are some things that you need to know when calling 911. The 911 Center or PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) receiving your wireless call will see the following information on their 911 screen:

- ◆ your wireless service provider
- ◆ the location of the tower the call is coming from
- ◆ your wireless phone number
- ◆ an *approximate* location (depending on the age of the wireless phone).

The technology does not reliably provide accurate indoor locations in urban areas. The FCC is proposing accuracy requirements within 50 meters for 67% of 911 calls in 2 years and 80% in 5 years. Presently there are no requirements for wireless phone companies to measure or certify location accuracy.

What does this mean to the person calling 911?

Your location is the most important piece of information that a telecommunicator needs in order to dispatch emergency services to you. The majority of the calls received in the 911 call centers are wireless which means the telecommunicator does not have the exact address/location of where the emergency is.

The address is the very first question that you will be asked by the telecommunicator. We understand there may be circumstances where you do not know your address/location. It is important to be aware of your surroundings, look for landmarks, mile markers, street signs, mail at a residence that may have the address on it, etc. Parents should teach their children this information. Having this information readily accessible is the quickest way for us to get help to you. Telecommunicators are thoroughly trained to quickly and effectively retrieve this information from the caller in order to provide the most efficient and expedient response to an emergency.

Legislative Information

During the 2013 legislative session the wireless surcharge was increased to \$1.00 per month. The wireless surcharge is collected by the State Programmer. 46% of the dollar is distributed quarterly to the county service boards using an equation based on the number of 911 calls received and the square mileage of the county. The majority of the cost for operating a 911 center rests on the county taxation.

The portion the State retains allowed for an upgrade of the wireless network to an IP base, giving the 911 centers more ability to locate callers with mapping.

During the 2015 legislation session the Governor appropriated \$4 million of the wireless surcharge dollars to provide the first payment to build a statewide public safety communications system.





Public Comment on Draft Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

The Story County Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is a multi-year guide to the construction and/or improvement of county facilities and the acquisition of equipment.

Through the process of preparing and updating a CIP, Story County meets the need for orderly maintenance of the County's physical assets.

Story County's CIP is intended to serve as a planning tool. It is structured to present meaningful long-range perspective of the County's long-range capital needs. The CIP is used as an implementation tool for the acquisition, development, construction, maintenance, and renovation of public facilities, infrastructure, and capital equipment.

On Tuesday, October 20th, the Story County Board of Supervisors directed County staff to seek public input through December 2015 on the Draft Story County Capital Improvements Plan.

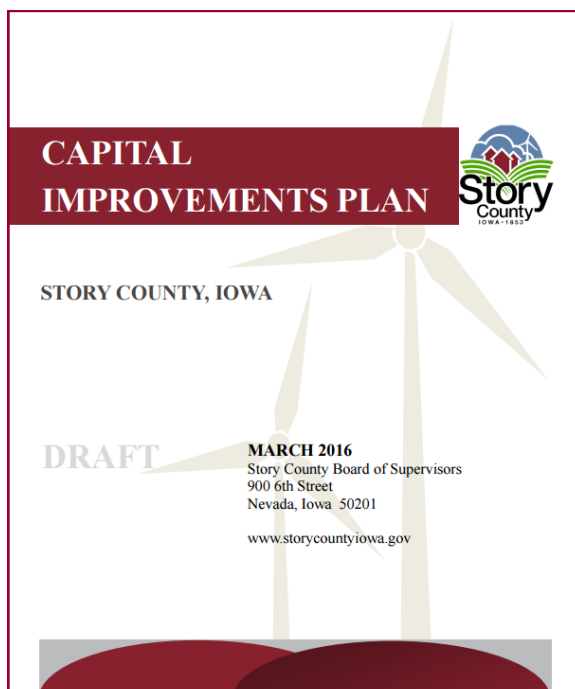
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

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You can use the download the Public Comment Sheet on the Story County website at:

<http://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5615>

and email it to:

County Outreach and Special Projects Manager at
lharter@storycountyiowa.gov

or mail to:

Story County CIP
c/o - County Outreach and Special Projects
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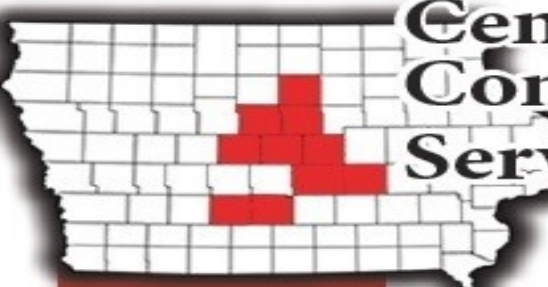


24-Hour Crisis Phone Line

A 24 hour crisis phone line is now available within the Central Iowa Community Services (CICS) Region including the counties of: Boone, Franklin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jasper, Madison, Marshall, Poweshiek, Story, Warren. The provider of this service is Foundation 2 located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The crisis line phone number is 844-258-8858. This service is available to anyone in the CICS Region.

Foundation 2 will assist the caller in addressing their immediate crisis and will provide callers with information to access emergency services, inpatient behavioral health services, and outpatient mental health services as needed. Foundation 2 will also contact local law enforcement via law enforcement's non-emergency phone number if immediate assistance is needed.

Feel free to distribute the crisis phone line number. Story County's local contact about this service is Karla Webb with Central Iowa Community Services - Story County Office. Karla may be contacted at 515-663-2945, and is located at the Human Services Center in Ames—126 South Kellogg Avenue (Suite 001).



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Community
Services**

**Serving the
Counties of**

- Boone
- Franklin
- Hardin
- Hamilton
- Jasper
- Madison
- Marshall
- Poweshiek
- Story
- Warren

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CRISIS LINE**

844-258-8858

www.cicsmhds.org



Safe at Home

WHAT is Safe at Home?

Safe at Home (SAH) is an address confidentiality program. This program helps survivors improve their lives with the following services:

Substitute Address

SAH will assign participants a substitute address. This address can be used with any city, county, and state offices, as well as with private organizations that require a mailing address. Your physical address will not appear in public records.

Mail Forwarding Service

First-class, legal, and certified mail, as well as packages of prescriptions, will be securely handled and forwarded to the participant's confidential address.

Confidential Voter Registration

Participants can register to vote and not be listed on the public voter registration list.

Who is ELIGIBLE for Safe at Home?

Safe at Home may be the right fit for you if:

- You are a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking, or violent crimes.
- Your address is or will be unknown to your abuser or offender.

Safe at Home is NOT

- A witness protection program.
- Capable of shielding you from legal obligations, such as custody disputes.
- Able to hide your address from real estate records, such as the purchase of a home or office space. However, renters' addresses will be protected.



How do I APPLY for Safe at Home?

Contact an advocate program or the Secretary of State's office for more information: SafeAtHome@Iowa.gov 515-281-0145

Complete an enrollment form and return it to the Secretary of State's office at: Safe at Home 321 East 12th Street Des Moines, IA 50319

If certified, you will be notified by the Secretary of State's staff and you will receive a participant's packet.

Notify everyone of your new Safe at Home address.

For more information, visit the Safe at Home website at <http://safeathome.iowa.gov/>

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Story County Secondary Roads Winter Maintenance Procedures

The Story County Secondary Roads Department would like to remind residents about maintenance procedures followed during the winter months.

A. **County Roads** will be maintained to the best of our ability subject to weather conditions, available equipment, and safety of personnel while trying to keep within the budget.

B. **Snow** will be placed in the shoulder/ditch which may cause accumulations that limit sight distance. The snow will be winged back to reduce drifting and visibility hazards when time and resources permit. Snow plows and spreaders will not normally be in operation on paved roads between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless an emergency situation exists. Gravel roads may not be plowed if the wind is causing continual drifting.



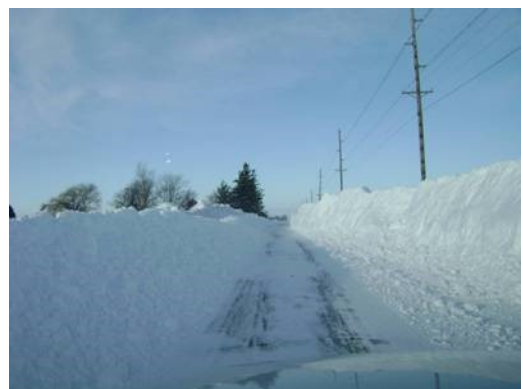
C. **Private Drive** snow is not to be placed on the roadway or shoulders. Property owners may be responsible for creating a safety hazard at their driveways.

D. **Mail boxes** which are destroyed by snow plows will be replaced by the county with a normal small size galvanized mail box. The property owner will be responsible for installing the mailbox. Replacement mail boxes will not be provided for those damaged by flying snow.

E. **Emergency Situations** will normally be authorized by the Story County Sheriff's Office or a physician. Emergency situations include serious injury, a probable loss of life, or where disastrous loss of property is imminent.

F. **Traffic Signs** which are missing or destroyed should be reported to the Story County Sheriff's Office by calling (515) 382-6566 or 911 in emergency situations. Priority will be given to replacing critical regulatory signs such as STOP, NO PASSING, and warning signs.

The entire snow removal ordinance can be viewed on the Secondary Roads website at www.storycountyiowa.gov.



Questions can be referred to the Story County Secondary Roads Department at (515) 382-7355.



What condition is your E911 address marker in?

In Story County, blue and white address markers are used to identify inhabited structures, residences, businesses, telecommunication towers and facilities, areas where people assemble including outdoor activity areas.

Address markers assist emergency response personnel to locate individuals and/or groups of people needing immediate care and assistance. Most of the address markers were installed in the ground several years ago in the late 1990s. According to the County Engineering staff's recent review of these signs checking their overall condition and reflectivity, many of these address markers are showing signs of wear.

If you have a residence, business or are responsible for bringing people to a place where people congregate indoors or outdoors, a new address marker is likely required to identify the building and site location. A marker may be requested by completing the address marker application found on the County's website and returning it to the Story County Planning and Development Department for review. Also in addition to requesting new address markers, if your current address marker is worn, bent, losing its reflectivity, or its missing altogether, a replacement address marker may also be obtained by completing the address marker application. To proceed, submit the application with the applicable fee (\$100 for new address markers and \$85 for replacement markers) to the Story County Planning and Development Department. The link to the address marker application is as follows: <http://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4545>

The Planning and Development Department, after receiving the application, will determine the appropriate address for new locations and will prepare a work order for the Engineer's Office to install the signs. The address marker poles and sign are generally installed near the main access and driveway of the property.

Please take the time to assess the condition of your address marker on your property. If a replacement address marker is needed, submit the application for review with the appropriate fee to the Planning and Development Department. County Engineering and/or Sheriff's Department are also authorized to notify the Planning and Development Department about any needed new or replacement address markers they may come across when working in the County. When this occurs, property owners/applicants will receive a notification from Planning and Development staff to submit the address marker sign application and fee within 30 days. Penalties may be assessed for fees not paid by the deadline.

Please contact the Planning and Development Department with any questions you may have about address makers at pzweb@storycountyiowa.gov or contact us 515-382-7245.





Story County, Iowa Alerts Registration

Story County has transitioned from the Code Red emergency alert system to Story County Iowa Alerts. To get these critical messages on your cell phone and email, you will need to register devices at the Story County Alert website. Story County Iowa Alerts has loaded phone numbers from the white pages, but we don't have your cell phone numbers or email address.

Get connected by using the link below to register these devices and personalize what you get for messages. Once you've got your devices registered, then you get to decide from which communities you want to get messages. Don't forget to get messages for the town where you work, where your children go to school, or where you may have elderly relatives. Finally, you can identify special needs you may have to emergency responders or register to get messages directly from participating school districts.

It's easy, just go to the link below and fill-in or check the boxes.

Follow this link to Story County Iowa Alert registration:

http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/story_ia/wens.cfm



**Register for Story County, Iowa Alerts. Watch
this YouTube video for step-by-step
instructions!**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=9XjxvCc0cEM&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XjxvCc0cEM&feature=youtu.be)

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Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Preparations Underway

Story County elected officials and departments have started working on the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) budget. The budget cycle for Story County begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. Throughout the months of December through March, the Board of Supervisors reviews budget requests and, following guidance from the Story County Auditor, develops an annual operating budget adopted in March.

This process involves many meetings and hours of review and discussion of proposed requests. The FY17 schedule is listed below. All meetings are open to the public. In addition, after the Departmental Worksessions are held, Story County offers audio transcripts of the budget worksessions. These files are in .MP3 format available at www.storycountyiowa.gov. You may listen in most browsers by clicking on the links provided. You may also choose to right-click on the links provided and "Save as" to save a copy of these audio files to your desktop and use popular audio playback software, such as iTunes or Windows Media Player to listen to these files.

Date	Meeting (Held in the Public Meeting Room—2nd Floor Administration Building—900 6th Street—Nevada)
December 4, 2015	Final day for Departments to return proposed budgets to Story County Auditor
January 4, 2016	Proposed budget to Supervisors
January 5, 2016	Supervisors and Auditor review proposed budgets—9 AM
January 7—15, 2016	Departmental Worksessions
January 7, 2016	9:00 AM CIP Committee/Outreach 11:00 AM Animal Control 2:00 PM Recorder
January 8, 2016	9:00 AM Engineer 1:30 PM Facilities Management
January 11, 2016	9:00 AM Environmental Health 1:30 PM Treasurer 2:30 PM Department of Human Services
January 12, 2016	1:30 PM Community Services/Mental Health 3:00 PM Veterans Affairs
January 13, 2016	9:00 AM Conservation/IRVM 11:00 AM Planning and Development 1:30 PM Attorney
January 14, 2016	9:00 AM Sheriff 1:30 PM Information Technology
January 15, 2016	9:00 AM Auditor and Board of Supervisors (Countywide Services/General County Betterment)
January 18—February 22, 2016	Auditor prepares reports
February 23, 2016	Staff meeting - hand back budgets 2:00 PM
February 25, 2016	Send notices to media
March 3, 2016	Newspapers publish hearing notice
March 15, 2016	Public Hearing—10:00 AM Board meeting



The C2C Plan

From Cornerstone to Capstone—Story County Comprehensive Plan

We are looking forward to 2036. That's what *From Cornerstone to Capstone (C2C)* is all about. Story County has built a solid foundation – the Cornerstone – with planning dating back to the 1950s. Now we are designing our blueprint – the Capstone – for how we grow and develop over the coming 20 years. The C2C Plan is a coordinated long range plan intended to be physical and policy-based.

The C2C Plan will help guide Story County with a clear vision and goals, identify quality of life aspects, and incorporate the following areas:

- Housing;
- Economic Development;
- Transportation;
- Service, Community Facilities, and Infrastructure;
- Environment and Natural Resources;
- Land Use (Existing and Future);
- Fringe Area Planning; and
- Intergovernmental Cooperation.

Please join us as we go forth! Your input will help us clearly paint what Story County will be now and for the generations to come. You can follow our progress on www.C2CPlan.com and receive notifications of new posts and updates as they are available.



www.C2CPlan.com

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

January 19th – Dakins Community Center (Zearing, Iowa)

January 21st – Legion Hall (Maxwell, Iowa)

January 26th – McFarland Park

January 28th – Slater Elementary School (Slater, Iowa)

February 2nd—Ames Public Library (Ames, Iowa)

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National Flood Insurance Program

Information for Property Owners



What is a Flood?

Flood insurance covers direct physical loss caused by "flood." In simple terms, a flood is an excess of water on land that is normally dry. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) defines a flood as:

A flood is: A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land area or of two or more properties (at least one of which is your property) from:

- ♦ *Overflow of inland or tidal waters;*
- ♦ *Unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source;*
- ♦ *Mudflow*;* or
- ♦ *Collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or similar body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels that result in a flood as defined above.*

* Mudflow is defined as "A river of liquid and flowing mud on the surfaces of normally dry land areas, as when earth is carried by a current of water..."

My bank said I'm in the floodplain and have to buy insurance.

I don't believe it. What can I do? If a lending institution is federally regulated or making federally-backed loans, it must review the NFIP maps to determine if the building is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The SFHA is the area expected to be inundated by a 1% annual chance flood. If the bank makes such a determination, it must require the borrower to purchase flood insurance. Please note, these determinations are purely in/out and do not involve the vertical elevation of the structure. If you disagree with the lending institution's determination, you may request that FEMA review the lender's determination. FEMA will then review the information that the lending institution used, and issue a letter that states whether we agree with the determination.

Your request must be postmarked no later than 45 days after the lending institution notifies you of the flood insurance requirement and the submittal must be complete. The request must include all of the information and fees listed in the Letter of Determination Review (LODR) information sheet. If your request is postmarked after the 45-day limit has expired, or if we do not receive all of the information within the 45-day limit, FEMA will not be able to review the determination and the flood insurance requirement stands.

FEMA's responses to these requests are called LODRs, and offer two basic dispositions: (1) the lender's determination stands or (2) it is overturned. FEMA's determination is based on the technical data submitted. If the lender's evidence is inconclusive or the request is incomplete FEMA can disagree with the lender's determination. FEMA's response does not amend or revise the NFIP map for your community. It only states that FEMA agrees or disagrees with your lender's determination. Occasionally a lending institution may require insurance if it determines that a part of your lot is in the SFHA. The NFIP does not insure land. However, even if you submit evidence that your building is out of the floodplain, the bank may still decide to require insurance on your building.

A great resource to find an official flood map, access flood hazard products and understand flood risk is FEMA's Flood Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>.

On that site, you can search by address and use other tools to find your property.



For more information about the floodplain in the unincorporated areas of Story County, please contact the County Outreach and Special Projects Manager at 515-382-7247 or email at lharter@storycountyiowa.gov.

Maps are available for viewing in the Administration Building and also available (in general format) on the Story County Assessor's website at www.storyassessor.org.

Other flood-related information is also available both at the County and on the website at www.storycountyiowa.gov. We also have Elevation Certificates available for new development (for the unincorporated areas of Story County) and older Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) from 1983.

2015 Freedom Flight



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Annually, the Story County Board of Supervisors and librarians from communities throughout Story County meet. At this public meeting, programming needs and budget concerns are addressed. Below is the group picture from the October 2015 meeting.

